

**VOWCHURCH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Michaelchurch Escley, Newton, St Margarets, Turnastone, Vowchurch**

**Minutes of the Vowchurch Group Parish Council meeting held on  
 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm in Vowchurch & Turnastone Memorial Hall**

**PRESENT** – Mr P Mason (Chair), Mr E Williams, Mr H Franklin, Mr T Williams, Mr A Picton, Mr R Lloyd, Mr K Hortin and Mr J Kernahan.

**IN ATTENDANCE** – Mrs L Cowles (Clerk).

1. **ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Ms E May, Mr S Cole and Mr T Griffiths (Lengthsman).
2. **RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION** – There were no declarations of interest or written requests for dispensation.
3. **ADOPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING** – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.
4. **OPEN DISCUSSION** – No members of the public attended the meeting therefore no specific points were raised.

**5. REPORTS**

- 5.1 Local Police – The local police were unable to attend the meeting.
- 5.2 Ward Councillor – Ward Councillor Peter Jinman was unable to attend the meeting
- 5.3 Lengthsman report – Mr T Griffiths was unable to attend the meeting. His latest reports had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting via email. The Clerk reported that the Locality Steward has visited the flooded area on the C1209 near footpath ME4. This problem has been placed with the drainage team at Balfour Beatty for them to visit as soon as possible. The flooding onto the C1206 at Slough Hill is caused by water coming off the neighbouring field. It was agreed that Mr Lloyd would contact the landowner.

Mr Jim Kernahan joined the meeting and was welcomed by the Chair as the new Parish Councillor representing Vowchurch. Mr Kernahan signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor.

6. **CLERKS UPDATE** – Letters of thanks have been received from Dore Community Transport and Vowchurch & Turnastone PCC's for the recent donations. Councillors have been invited to a Parish Council Summit on 24<sup>th</sup> January at Shire Hall in Hereford. Councillors confirmed that nobody would be available to attend. Nominations are now open for Herefordshire Community Champion Awards, nominations close on 11<sup>th</sup> February. The Herefordshire Transport Package Consultation runs from 29<sup>th</sup> January until 11<sup>th</sup> March. There is a Parish Council preview event on 28<sup>th</sup> January. Jonathan Chedgoy has acknowledged the Parish Councils comments regarding the future of Museums, Libraries & Archive services. Balfour Beatty are currently in the process of remapping all the grit bins in the County, it is hoped this assessment will be finished before March. A member of the public has volunteered to take on the responsibility of Footpaths Officer for Vowchurch. It was agreed that the Parish Council were happy for him to take on this role and requested that the Clerk invite him to the next Parish Council meeting.

**7. CONSIDER PLANNING**

**7.1 PLANNING CONSULTATION**

**Site:** Middle Common Piggery, The Common Road, Lower Maescoed. Herefordshire  
**Description:** Application for removal of condition 17 and variation of conditions 7 & 20 of planning permission 172704 (proposed demolition of existing agricultural buildings and replacement with six dwellings with associated work space. Conversion of existing workshop to form single dwelling and associated works) – as detailed in accompanying statement.

**Application No:** 184561

**Grid Ref:** 334670:230851

## NO OBJECTIONS

### 7.2 PLANNING RE-CONSULTATION

**Site:** Barn at Cwarelau Farm, Cwarelau Road, Newton St Margarets. HR2 0QT  
**Description:** Proposed conversion of a redundant farm building  
**Application No:** 172857/172858 **Grid Ref:** 335871:231582

## NO OBJECTIONS

### 7.3 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS – The following responses sent to Herefordshire Council were noted.

Planning Consultation 183961/183962, Barn at Old Kate's Farm, Michaelchurch Escley – **NO OBJECTIONS**

Planning Consultation 184112, Workshop at Michaelchurch Court – **NO OBJECTIONS**

Planning Consultation 183942, Plot 1, replacement dwelling at Myrtle Cottage, Vowchurch – **NO OBJECTIONS**

### 7.4 PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

**Site:** Tremorithic, Bacton, Herefordshire. HR2 0AU  
**Description:** General purpose agricultural building and covered handling area.  
**Application No:** 182949 **Grid Ref:** 335871:231582

### 7.5 PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

**Site:** Poston Lodge Farm, Vowchurch, Herefordshire. HR2 0RJ  
**Description:** Development of a replacement electronic communications transmitting station (approx. 40m high).  
**Application No:** 183369 **Grid Ref:** 336039:238010

### 7.6 PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

**Site:** Plot 1 replacement dwelling at Myrtle Cottage, Vowchurch. HR2 0RL  
**Description:** Variation of condition 2 160774/F (Reinstatement of former cottage to Residential accommodation, to include two-storey extension, upgraded/ Improved driveway, a new detached garage/workshop and associated works)  
**Application No:** 183942 **Grid Ref:** 336745:237281

### 7.7 PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

**Site:** Castle Ibo Farm, Newton St Margarets, Hereford HR2 0RF  
**Description:** Proposed new vehicular access, track and detached garage.  
**Application No:** 183371 **Grid Ref:** 332674:235302

## 8. FINANCE

**8.1** Confirmation of bank balance - £14252.24 Statement Sheet No. 128 issued 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**8.2** Receipts – None.

**8.3** Payment to Mrs Linda Cowles for December 2018 Clerk's hours and £39.84 plus VAT Ink Cartridges – **Payment agreed.**

**8.4** Payment to Mr T Griffiths, invoice no. TGC0572 for Roads account October 2018 (2) of £364.00 plus VAT, invoice no. TGC0584 for roads account November 2018 (1) of £364.00 plus VAT, invoice no. TGC0607 for roads account November 2018 (2) of £364.00 plus VAT, invoice no. TGC0615 for roads account December 2018 (1) of £364.00 plus VAT and invoice no. TGC0631 for roads account December 2018 (2) of £364.00 plus VAT – **Payment agreed.**

**8.5** Payment to GV Webdesign for website hosting to 07/11/19 and domain names to 13/10/20 of £140.00 – **Payment agreed.**

**8.6** Finance Working Group – The quarterly reports were distributed to Councillors. The Finance Working Group confirmed that the spreadsheets, invoices and PAYE had been checked at the quarterly meeting and all were in order.

- 9. **FOOTPATH VO53 & VO57** – The Clerk had requested an update from the Public Rights of Way Officer at Herefordshire Council who has confirmed she is awaiting a response from Ward Councillor Peter Jinman before deciding on the next course of action. The Parish Council confirmed that they currently have no further comment to make and await confirmation of any full consultation when they can make further comment. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact her again for any further updates.
- 10. **VOWCHURCH COMMON ROAD SIGNS** – Balfour Beatty have advised that their technical leads team are of the opinion that there is not a suitable location for any additional sign to be installed on the U75402 due to lack of available verge width to ensure that they comply with regulations, similarly there would not be the clearance space required by regulation to allow them to install the sign to an existing post. They therefore feel that an additional sign will have little impact to road users as the existing sign is sufficient to communicate the information. The Parish Council agreed that they still want to go ahead with a sign as in their opinion it would be beneficial. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Balfour Beatty accordingly.  
 It was also noted that the Vowchurch sign on the B4348 towards Peterchurch was bent and the sign at the opposite end of the village towards Batch Hill could not be cleaned properly and both needed replacing. Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty to request new signage. Councillors also raised concerns regarding the Fairfield School junction onto the B4348 in Peterchurch. It was requested that the Clerk contact Peterchurch Parish Council to enquire if a mirror could be installed on the opposite side of the junction to increase viewing onto the main road.
- 11. **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER** – New Parish Councillor for Vowchurch, Newton Councillor vacancy, Lengthsman contract 2019/20, Footpaths Officers.
- 12. **NOTE THE CORRESPONDENCE SHEET** – The correspondence sheet was noted.
- 13. **RAISE MATTERS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm in Newton Church room – Lengthsman contract 2019/20, road sign on U75402, website links.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2005

*Ward Councillor Peter Jinman arrived after the meeting was closed. The Parish Council reconfirmed they currently have no further comments to make regarding footpaths VO53 & VO57 until any full consultation is confirmed.*

Signed.....  
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